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## Dominic Paul Spenser Underhill

### **Practice Areas**

Arbitration, litigation and ADR; professional regulation.

### **Career Path**

Dominic was born in 1962 and is a British national. He was educated at an English Public School called The King's School, Canterbury and then studied at the Universities of Durham and Oxford. After that, he studied at the College of Law in London in order to become a Solicitor.

Dominic trained as a Solicitor in the City of London and qualified in 1989. He has been a Solicitor for his entire professional life. In 1989, he joined a City firm called Rowe & Maw and became a partner there in 1996. He became the head of international arbitration shortly afterwards. Also in 1996 he achieved CEDR accreditation as a mediator. Three years later, he became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Rowe & Maw merged with the US firm Mayer Brown and Platt in 2001, and Dominic became the London head of international arbitration at Mayer, Brown Rowe & Maw (now Mayer Brown International) in 2001. He also headed up Mayer Brown's Paris office's international arbitration practice from 2002-2004. He lived in Paris part-time in that period.

By then, Dominic was receiving arbitral appointments as well as acting as counsel. In 2004, Dominic left Mayer Brown and started his own law firm to focus on being an arbitrator but carrying out selected advisory work as well.

In late 2006, Dominic was joined by Chris Newmark and Spenser Underhill Newmark LLP came into being in early 2007.

### **The Sort of Experience Dominic Has**

Dominic's work has, since 1989, been typical for a Solicitor who practises in the larger firms of the City of London. Much of it is broad-based, commercial work with a very strong international slant. Joint venture disputes, international sale of goods, distribution agreements and so on, are typical.

However, Dominic has a particular experience of disputes in (i) the financial sector, including banking and securities work and (ii) civil defence contract work (for example, he has been involved in disputes regarding warship and armoured car procurement). International real property disputes interest him as well.

### **Other Qualifications**

Dominic is a Solicitor Advocate. Since 2007, Dominic has been a senior visiting lecturer at the School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary, University of London. He has also lectured in international arbitration law at the Universities of Rome (La Sapienza) and Padua, Italy. He is also a former Fellow of the Society of Advanced Legal Studies and a former Fellow of the Centre for International Legal Studies. Dominic is a former member of the Royal United Services Institute in London.

### **Professional Regulation**

Since 1998, Dominic has sat as the Legal Assessor to a Regulatory Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England & Wales. Since 2004, he has been a Legal Assessor to that Institute's Disciplinary Tribunal.

Between 2007 - 2009, Dominic was appointed Legal Advisor to the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Institute of Actuaries, which has jurisdiction over the Actuarial Profession in England, Wales and Scotland.

In 2010, Dominic became an Adjudicator of the Solicitors Regulation Authority. He sometimes chairs various adjudication panels of the SRA, including the Solicitors' Compensation Fund.

Dominic's interest and experience in professional regulatory matters, and in particular professional and business ethics, complements his practice as an arbitrator.

### **Languages**

French  
Italian